(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme to address this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (e) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, the information in respect of States/Union Territories are not maintained in this Ministry.

However, heavy rush of patients has been reported by the three Central Government Hospitals namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals in Delhi. In these Hospitals, monitoring of the attendance of the Patients is done on yearly basis. Special clinics are also organized to control the rush during afternoon.

Use of restricted medicines for treatment of cancer

†2915. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some restricted medicines have been used for the treatment of cancer in some cancer hospitals of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government against the culprits in this regard;

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to check such incidents in future; and

(e) so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (e) An Enquiry Committee has been constituted by the Director General of Health Services to enquire into the allegations regarding reported use of unauthorized drugs in treatment of cancer patients by Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Hike in fees in Medical Colleges of U.P.

2916. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fees in Medical Colleges in U.P. have

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been hiked manifold which have forced the medical students to resort to agitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any uniform policy on fee structure for all Government and Government-aided Medical Colleges in the States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the reaction of Government on the fees hike in U.P.; and

(f) whether Government are of the view that the revised fee is within the means of meritorious students from middle and poor classes of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Effective implementation of Population Control Programmes

†2917. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic development of the country is not in proportion to the growth of population in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to effectively implement the population control programmes and to make them more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The objective of the National Family Welfare Programme is to reduce the birth rate to the extent necessary to stabilise the population at a level consistent with the requirement of the national economy. The achievements made under the programme since its inception in 1952 is quite substantial, but not sufficient.

Actual success in containing the growth of population is dependent on:

- Publicly stated support by the community leaders
- Resources available for the family welfare programme

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